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**Cover:** The Minister for Sport and Tourism Mr John Brown and Chairman of Tattersall's Club Mr Tony McSweeney, share a joke at the Sydney Cup Dinner.

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# Chairman's Message

Dear members,

You will be well aware by now that changes have been introduced to the Club Magazine and the Newsletter. The magazine will now issue on two occasions in the year — in May and in November. The May issue will contain the annual report and accompanying financial statements for presentation at the Annual General Meeting in June, plus many features and photographic highlights of Club activities over the previous half year. The November issue will announce the many Christmas functions and festivities to take place in the Club and review the prominent occasions in our Club life during the later months of the calendar year.

The Monthly Tattersall's News is designed to keep members informed of current events, sporting results, items of topical interest to members and to provide a calendar of dates for your diary. In this way it is hoped to increase your interest and activity in our Club life and gain your participation in usage of the many attractive options available to all members.

I am really delighted with the response to the formation of the Young Members Group. To date they have had two formal meetings and their first function was a luncheon in the Club Room on 21st April.

We all look forward to the development of an interesting programme of events from the Young Members Group. I can assure Chairman David Dobbin and all members of the group of the wholehearted support of your Club chairman and Committee members. Anything we can do to assist your group in the promotion of successful activities and greater enjoyment of your Club membership will be a decided pleasure.

The Building Sub-Committee continues to actively pursue the feasibility studies essential to the final solution of the Club's building problems. I do not intend to go into detail in this letter, but I can assure all members that these matters are rapidly nearing completion. When the final plans are fully developed, every member will be individually informed of the proposals and of the recommendations of your Committee. Each member will then have an opportunity to express his opinion of the scheme and to cast a vote concerning the proposals.

Our many club Sporting interests continue to flourish to the satisfaction and enjoyment of the great number of active club participants. Whether it be in

swimming, handball, gymnastics, snooker, bowls, golf or skiing there is always a welcome and a place for more members to join in, to form new friendships and to enjoy the great social and sporting life that such an association brings.

The popular Aerobic classes are a recent introduction in our third floor Athletic Department and I draw member's attention to the article in this magazine.

Our racing activities have been outstandingly successful during the half year. The New Year Tattersall's Cup Race Meeting attracted a record attendance and resulted in a record turnover on the T.A.B. for this meeting.

Our recent Sydney Cup Dinner proved to be highly popular with members. Both of these events are reported in more detail elsewhere in the magazine.

It is with a great sense of disappointment that I record the retirement of our Treasurer, David Dransfield, from the Committee. David has served Tattersall's Club faithfully and well over many, many years. He is deserving of relief from this responsibility. David's ill health over the last six months has been a contributing factor also in his decision. None-the-less, I am personally extremely sorry that he has now decided to retire from that position. David will, of course, remain an active and keen club member and no doubt he will continue to be seen daily in the club premises.



David Dransfield

It is also a matter of deep regret to myself and fellow Committee Members that John Hickey and Peter Twigg have decided to stand down from the Committee. Their service in many fields has been invaluable over a very long period of time and I take this opportunity to thank them most sincerely for all of the efforts they have made on behalf of the Club and members. **Cont'd Page 11.**





## Chairman's Christmas Cocktail Party

A traditional highlight of club activity in the Christmas season is the Chairman's cocktail party, attended in 1985 by some 250 members and their guests.

The usual competitions for Christmas fare were held and seemed to produce that "Alice in Wonderland" result where the Walrus decreed "Everybody has won and all must have prizes".

### PHOTOS OF THE EVENING

Above: The first floor club room, with its view of Hyde Park, provided a fine setting for the large number of guests.

Right: All dressed up and ready for the guests, hosts at the party, Chairman Tony McSweeney and Mrs Molly McSweeney.

Opposite page, Top Left: Ron and Heather Stokes, guests of Mr Terry Linfield, were the first to win a Christmas hamper.

Top Right: Bambi Staveley, left, June Harley and Janette Craig examine the prizes.

Bottom Left: Dressed for cocktails, but Margaret Bell, of the club administration office, and Joe Behari, were still working hard at the Chairman's Christmas Cocktail Party.

Bottom Right: Guests included Lady Gallegan, left, seen with Dr Austin Mooney, Mrs Mary Coulton and Mrs Hazel Mooney.









# SWIMMING

by Sam Block



Owing to the writer trying conclusions with a motor car, second offence, the first being a truck some months ago and suffering from head and various injuries this will be a very short narrative.

Records and times have been slashed by competitors in nearly all events over both 40 and 80 yards, chief culprits being Mal Holecek, Geoff Cowen, John De Mestre, Michael Gillis and John Tuite.

Leaders in the March Point Score are Geoff Cowen 22 from John De Mestre 20 and David De Mestre 19.

Tony McSweeney's Silver Sharpe Trophy has Mal Holecek leading by 25 points from Ted Joye 130, Michael McCormack 126, Geoff Cowen 112, Danny O'Connor 111, and David Robinson 109. Mal looks the likely winner at this stage but there are no certainties in this sport.

Mal Holecek also leads in the George Beynon Trophy with 11½ wins from Mike McCormack 7, Geoff Cowen 6½, Ted Joye 6, Johnny Barker 5½, Allister Lugsdin 5½ and Antony Torok 5.

The Col Tidy 80 yards handicap is a popular event providing thrilling finishes. The leaders are Allister Lugsdin on 128, Rick Glover 103, John Barrell 103 and Geoff Cowen 102. There are many others at their heels who can cause an upset.

The Beirne Ranger Trophy is the most open event at the moment, Geoff Cowen leading on 9 from Robert Farrell and Allister Lugsdin 8½, Terry Forrest 7½ with John Barrell and John Tuite 6.

Fastest times over 40 yards during the preceeding months were Mike Gillis 18.1.19, John De Mestre 18.9, 18.4 18.5, Mike McCormack 19.5 and 20.3, John Tuite 19.8, John Barrell 19.9 and Tony King 21. Pat Hopkins, Tony Salier 20.5, D. Robinson 20.6. Over the 80 yards Johnny Fuller 39.3, John De Mestre 40.3 and 40.8, Mike Gillis 41.6, John Tuite 43 and 44, Robert Farrell 43.4, Mike McCormack 44.8 and John Stubbs 45.

It was nice to have Pat Hopkins back and a welcome was extended to newcomer Laurie Toltz who took out a final over

the 80 yards distance at his initial start.

A unique event in February was a special race held between three generations of the same family. Ted Joye, who is 78, lined up against his son, Ian, who is 47 and his grandson Saxon, 16.

Ted who once won the Silver Sharpe Trophy and is a great supporter of the Swimming Club, claims that the handicaps weren't good enough and age and experience couldn't see him through, even over 40 yards, so that Saxon came first, Ian second and Grandad last.

For the information of all members the Club holds events each Tuesday and Thursday at 1.15 sharp over distances of 40 and 80 yards and from July until September 100 yards races are held each Thursday at 1.15.

Trophies for the season are the Silver Sharpe donor A. J. McSweeney, George Beynon Trophy, Club Championship Michael Bartley, Jack Mandel Family Event Donor Adrian Abbott, 80 yards Championship Bruce McHugh, 80 yards single wins Dominic Beirne and Ken Ranger, Ted Joye Honour Event Donor Ian Joye, 100 yards Event Norm Rogers and Jack Levy; Monthly Point Scores Donors David and John Keating in honour of Leo Keating, T.M.S. Trophies Norm Rogers and Wine Goblets for all prize winners by Peter Joseph.

So come and join the swimming section, meet a crowd of fine sportsmen on the third floor and enjoy the fun.

## RESULTS

**11.386 40 yds HCP 1st Final** J. De Mestre, **2nd Final** D. Robinson, **3rd Final** G. Cowen; **13.386 Col Tidy 80 yds 1st Final** T. Forrest, **2nd Final** J. Tuite, **3rd Final** W. Debney, **4th Final** J. McCosker, **5th Final** M. Gillis, **6th Final** L. Toltz, **7th Final** R. Farrell.

**March Point Score the leaders are:** G. Cowen 22, J. De Mestre 20, D. De Mestre 19, D. Robinson 16, A. Salier 15, M. McCormack 14, A. Reed 14, D. Castle 14, M. Holecek 14, J. Barker 13, G. Wilson 12, D. O'Connor 11.

**Silver Sharpe Trophy** all points including 11/3/86 M. Holecek 155, E. Joye 130, M. McCormack 126, G. Cowen 112, D. O'Connor 111, D. Robinson 109, J. Barrell 105, D. Dind 105, T. Forrest 103½, J. Barker 102½, A. Torok 102, J. Ward 101, J. De Mestre 100.

**George Beynon Trophy** the leaders are: M. Holecek 11½, M. McCormack 7, G. Cowen 6½, E. Joye 6, J. Barker 5½, A. Lugsdin 5½, A. Torok 5, C. Coppa 4, D. Robinson 4, R. Glover 4, A. Salier 3½.

**Col Tidy 80 yds Hcp** the leaders are, A. Lugsdin 108, R. Glover 103, J. Barrell 103, G. Cowen 102, T. Forrest 95, McCormack 93, J. Barker 84, J. Nicholas 84, D. Robinson 79½, A. King 77½, R. Farrell 75, W. Debney 74.

**Dominic Beirne Ken Ranger Trophy** leaders are G. Cowen 9, R. Farrell 8½, A. Lugsdin 8½, T. Forrest 7½, J. Barrell 6, J. Tuite 6, J. McCosker 5, J. Murray 5, G. Cole 5, R. Glover 4½, A. Reed 4½, A. Torok 4½.



*The Swimming Club committee, supervised in spirit — and just as sternly — by Sam Block, who is at present nursing his bruises as a result of his car accident (See Page 28), sorts the entries for Tuesday's races on the third floor. From the left, Col Bowes, Max Sernack, Leigh Bowes and Allan Ball with Sam above.*



*Swimming Relay Race — Ted Joye takes off.*



## Finding out about ourselves

As the club faces big changes with its forthcoming renovation programme, the question of what sort of club we want for the next 20 years becomes ever more important.

The Committee has formed the Under 40s Group to help answer the question — after all, they are the people who will be using the club most in the future.

In this issue of the club magazine, we are conducting a survey which will give all members an opportunity to put forward their views on what's right with the club — and on what's wrong, too.

It is not much use any of us complaining that the Committee is not providing the facilities we want if we don't tell them what those facilities and amenities are.

So please be sure to fill in the survey on Page 33 and return it to Joanne Grimbale at the club before the end of June. You don't have to put your name on the form, but of course it helps if you do insert your age group, occupation and length of membership. Remember, it's a chance for you to influence the future development of the club.

## Let's Hear From Members

In this issue we present two stories of the interesting activities which our members have been undertaking during the past years.

On Page 30, Bill Orme tells of his and his wife's walking tours which have now covered most of Europe and some other parts of the world. And on page 26 Adrian Golding reports on the annual Australia Day Bondi Beach swim, which is organised by Tattersall's member Graham Cole and has resulted in him becoming a member of the Australia Day Council.



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Many other Club members have interests and activities which would be of interest to fellow members. Why not let the editor know about them in time for the next issue?

### NEWSLETTER HELD OVER

*Readers of this issue of the club magazine will find many items which in shortened form might appear in the monthly newsletter.*

*For this reason the editorial committee has decided that the magazine, which also contains the club annual report, will take the place of the newsletter for May.*

*The next newsletter will be sent out to members at the beginning of June.*

## COMING EVENTS AT THE CLUB

**Ski Club pre-season social evening:** Sportsmen's Room, May 23, 6.30 to 7.30pm. Smorgasbord and ski films.

**Ski Club Men's Week:** Werruna, Perisher Valley, July 19 to 26.  
**Snooker and Billiards Championship:** Ballot auction June 2, 12.30pm; competition begins June 3.

**Golf Club fixtures:** July 10th, The Lakes; August 12, New South Wales; September 18, Manly; October 16, The Australian; November 21, Royal Sydney (Championships).

**Bowls Club Programme:** May 15, 22 and 29, social games at Double Bay. June 5, social games, City; June 12, 19 and 26, social games, Double Bay.

**Epicureans:** May 29, Traveller's Tales Dinner, Guest Speaker Bill Orme.

## A NEW RACING BIBLE

Always in need of any "edge" they can obtain, racing enthusiasts are now offered a new racing "bible", compiled to a concept developed by club member Brenton Halligan and his partner Richard Smith of the Australian Bloodstock Agency.

The book, a thick paper-back called "The Australian Stakes Races Annual", covers all stakes and listed races in Australia in 1984-85 with commentaries on the running of all Group 1 and 2 races.

Its unique approach lies in its copyright Stakes Class Rating System which categorises horses in classes between 1 and 12, depending on whether they have won a Group 1 race or merely run a place in a listed race. The races are listed one to a page, chronologically and horses are upgraded as they improve performance in a subsequent race.

The club's racing "guru", Norman Rogers, was asked to assess the book and commented:

*"I have read with great interest the Australian Stakes Races Annual 1985.*

*"I recommend this publication to all racing men. It contains all the statistics necessary to recognise a fine thoroughbred."*

A copy of the annual has been presented to the club library by the Australian Bloodstock Agency and their advertisement for the book appears in this magazine.

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# NEW YEAR'S DAY RACE MEETING

**T**attersall's Club annual race meeting at Randwick on New Year's Day enjoyed magnificent weather that brought out the biggest crowd of the whole Christmas-New Year Racing Carnival.

Or perhaps it was the attractions of the Tattersall's Club Cup which resulted in more than 20,000 race enthusiasts spending the day at Randwick.

Club tradition was followed with the Chairman, Tony McSweeney, and his wife, Molly, hosting luncheons for members and wives and guests at the course.

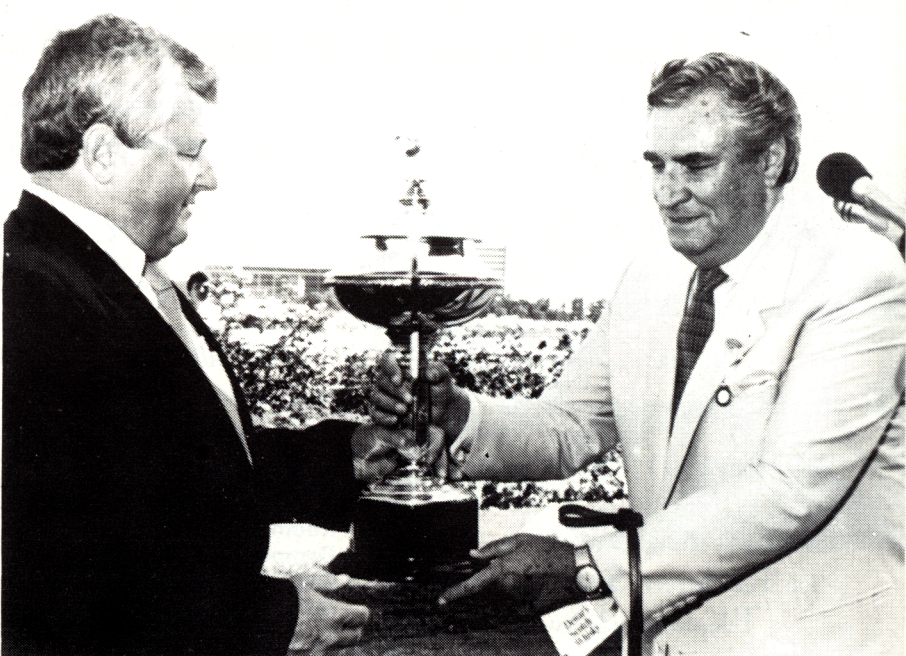
## RACE DAY PHOTOS

*Top Right: Mr. Bill Lord holds the Tattersall's Club Cup aloft after his horse "Dinky Flyer", (b'ground) won the 1986 event.*

*Centre Right: Mr Norman Rogers sashes "At Sea" winner of Carrington Stakes.*

*Bottom Right: Chairman Tony McSweeney presents Tattersall's Club Cup to Mr. Bill Lord.*

*Below: "Dinky Flyer" with attendant.*







**RACE DAY PHOTOS**

1. L to R: Messrs G. J. Morrow, Jim Whyte, Jim Williams, L. L. Clark and Alen Fudge.

2. L to R: (Standing) Tony McSweeney, Angela Belle-Love, Michelle Beach. (Seated) Primrose Dunlop, Leanne Lindsay, Judith Callendar, Gail Dereker.

3. L to R: Messrs Brian O'Connor, John Hickey, Judge John Foord and Jim Macken.

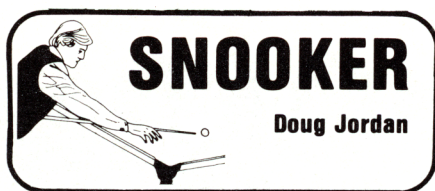
4. L to R: Trainer Kerry Walker, A. J. McSweeney, Mrs. W. Lord and jockey Terry Duckett, after "Dinky Flyer" won the Cup.

5. L to R: (Standing) Lady Kennedy, Valerie Smith, Alfreda Weston, Irene Denham, Joan Lucas. (Seated) Marie Macken, Violet Frazier, Val Storey, Margaret Inglis, Mollie McSweeney.

6. L to R: Messrs Sam Block, Charles Coppa, John Ward, David Dransfield, Club Treasurer, Harry Egan and Bruce Chilne.







The Snooker Club has had a very successful and entertaining year and can confidently look forward to 1986/7 being even better.

Let us now jog your memories and point out some of the high spots beginning with:

1985 Annual Tournaments with the following results:

**Snooker Championship:** 1st P. Hase, 2nd A. Foster.

**Billiards Championship:** 1st W. Foster, 2nd A. Foster.

**Snooker Tournament:** 1st W. Blakemore, 2nd D. De Mestre, 3rd W. Henneberry, 4th A. Abbott.

**Billiards Tournament:** 1st L. Bluett, 2nd H. Lobb. And we repeat our con-

gratulations to the above players.

Since the advent of Paddy Morgan as the Club Professional we have been able to complete many successful tournaments, mainly in the form of Round Robbins (Singles and Doubles) as detailed below.

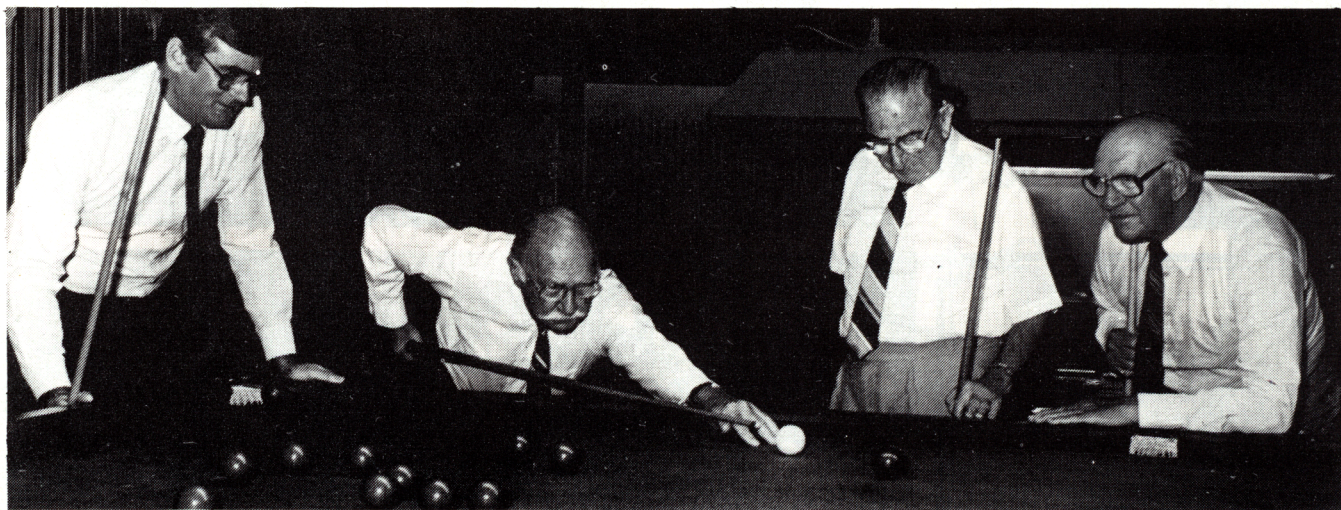
**Singles—10th December, 1984:** 1st D. De Mestre, 2nd T. Stavrianos, 3rd G. Bloomfield. **Singles, 14th January, 1985:** 1st J. Hawkins, 2nd A. McDonald. **Singles, 21st January, 1985:** 1st R. Lavigne, 2nd C. Pearce. **Singles, 29th January, 1985:** 1st B. Cooper, 2nd M. Fitzgerald. **Semi-Finalists:** R. Lavigne and W. Henneberry. **Singles, 4th February, 1985:** 1st S. Adams, 2nd J. Hawkins. **Doubles, 14th February, 1985:** 1st R. Bryden and L. Lill, 2nd J. Hawkins and B. Cox, 3rd D. De Mestre and B. Stewart. **Singles, 25th February, 1985:** 1st W. Henneberry, 2nd J. Wollard. **Singles 5th March, 1985:** 1st W. Henneberry, 2nd E. Piekarski. **Doubles 21st February, 1985:** 1st W. Henneberry and J. Hoyle, 2nd R. Lavigne and J. Lavigne. **Singles, 15th April, 1985:** 1st R. Lavigne, 2nd J. Hawkins, 3rd B. Cooper. **Singles, 22nd April, 1985:** 1st C. Robinson, 2nd R. Bryden, 3rd C. Milliken. **Singles, 30th April, 1985:** 1st J. Hawkins, 2nd W. Foster. **Singles, 22nd May, 1985:** 1st T. Anson, 2nd W. Foster. **Doubles, 6th June, 1985:** 1st W. Foster and B. Cooper, 2nd R. Lavigne and J. Lavigne, 3rd C. Milliken and T. Anson. **Doubles, 25th July, 1985:** 1st R. Lavigne and G. Bloomfield, 2nd C. Milliken and N. Shehadie, 3rd W. Foster and B. Cooper. **Singles, 16th August, 1985:** 1st R. Lavigne, 2nd J. Hawkins. **Doubles, 31st October, 1985:** 1st H. Lobb and W. Blakemore, 2nd W. Henneberry and J. Hoyle, 3rd T. Anson and J. Hawkins. **Doubles, 28th November, 1985:** 1st N. R. Rogers and P. Twigg, 2nd J. Hoyle and J. Wollard, 3rd R. Lavigne and A. Abbott. **Doubles, 16th December, 1985** (Christmas Tournament): 1st A. Abbott and L. Williams, 2nd W. Henneberry and J. Hoyle. **SEMI-FINALISTS** (B. McHUGH AND K. UPTON) (W. BLAKEMORE AND H. LOBB). **Doubles, 20th February, 1986:** 1st M. Fitzgerald and E. Codd, 2nd L. Lill and S. Lill, 3rd R. Lavigne and A. Abbott.

Don't forget to note in your diary the Annual Auction and Luncheon will be held on Monday, 2nd June, at 12.30 p.m., so come along and back your fancy and see if you can buy the winner and share in approximately \$20/25,000.

Later we will repeat last year's very successful "Calling of the Card" which will also incorporate a free lunch.

Another reminder to old and new players is to improve your game by taking a few lessons from Paddy Morgan who is an excellent coach and certainly helped three out of the last four placegetters in 1985.

*Below:  
Prominent club billiard and snooker players. L to R: Bill Henneberry, Stuart Adams, George Mousally, Harold Hill.*



## AEROBICS

*Aerobics classes are an innovation of the club masseur, Paul Todd, and have proved extremely popular in the short time they have been conducted. More than 50 members have signed up for Paul's morning and evening classes and you would have to say, from a glance at the photograph, that some members appear to need a bit more loosening up than others. Paul Todd is in front, centre, leading the class.*





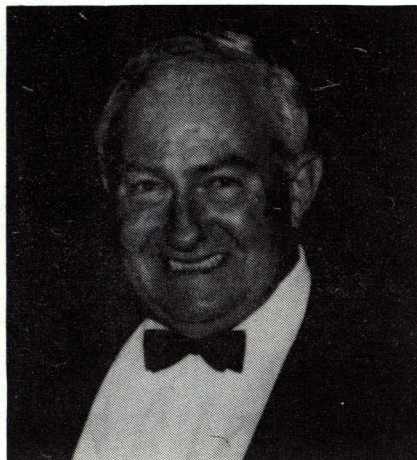
## Chairman's Message

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Mr. John Hickey

This means, of course, at least three new members will join the Committee following the annual elections. I can but express a wish that active Club members will seriously consider standing for election. Any organisation requires talent, dedication and willing workers to be successful.



Mr. Peter Twigg

I would like to pass a vote of thanks to the Epicurean Committee for the fine work they have done over the year in arranging so many marvellous functions for the member's enjoyment.

Finally, may I express the great personal pleasure it is to me to welcome the ladies to our luncheons in the Dining Room. This recent change is becoming increasingly popular — and rightly so!

To all members my sincere greetings and best wishes for the continued happy enjoyment of your own Tattersall's Club.

Yours sincerely,  
A. J. McSWEENEY  
CHAIRMAN

## 1986 SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS TOURNAMENTS

### SNOOKER HANDICAP:

- 1st PRIZE:** Club Trophy \$400.00  
Bill Hurley and Bruce McHugh Trophy  
George Mousally Trophy and qualifies for  
George Mousally Cup.
- 2nd PRIZE** Club Trophy \$200.00  
and Ken McDonald Memorial Trophy
- 3rd PRIZE:** Club Trophy \$100.00
- 4th PRIZE:** Club Trophy \$50.00

THERE WILL ALSO BE A  
DISTRIBUTION OF APPROXIMATELY  
\$25,000 TO THE OWNERS OF PLAYERS:  
65% TO OWNER OF FIRST — 20% TO OWNER OF SECOND  
10% TO OWNER OF THIRD — 5% TO OWNER OF FOURTH

### BILLARDS HANDICAP: 250 UP

- 1st PRIZE:**  
Club Trophy \$200.00, George Mousally Trophy  
and qualifies for George Mousally Cup.
- 2nd PRIZE:** Club Trophy \$100.00

### TIMETABLE

Ballot closes Friday, May 16.  
Ballot drawn Monday, May 19 — 4 p.m.  
Ballot auction Monday, June 2 — 12.30 p.m.

**COMPETITION COMMENCES — TUESDAY, JUNE 3**

NOTE IN YOUR DIARY — Auction date Monday, June 2 at 12.30 p.m.  
Snack luncheon and drinks "on the house".

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PLAYERS**

## ENTRY FORM

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# SYDNEY CUP DINNER

## RACING IS MINISTER'S OWN SPORT

The Minister for Sport and Tourism Mr John Brown acknowledged horse racing as his own personal and favourite sport when he spoke as Guest of Honour at the Club's Sydney Cup Dinner last month.

Mr Brown, who spoke of his own adventures as a minor — and none too successful — owner at country race tracks with a horse which turned out to be a bleeder, also referred to the Prime Minister's love of racing, commenting: "I am only here as his surrogate."

Mr Hawke was Guest of Honour at the Dinner in 1985.

Mr Brown paid tribute to the work of the A.J.C. Chief Stipendiary Steward, Mr John Schreck in maintaining and improving the quality of racing in Sydney, which he said was equal to anywhere in the world.

Referring to his own portfolio, Mr Brown said he was responsible for 100 sports "but no other sport thrills me like racing.

"Anyone can own a race horse, whether at Parkes, or Orange or whether it's a bleeder," he said.

His own enthusiasm for horses sprang from his family background; his father loved them and was a member of the Australian Light Horse in World War 1. "It astonishes me that we have men on the moon within the lifetime of men who went to war on horses," he said.

A sad note was cast on the dinner by the absence of the leading racing industry personality, Mr George Moore, who was to have spoken at the dinner.

George Moore had to cancel at 24 hours notice because his four year old grandson had been kicked by a horse and was seriously injured. Club Chairman, Tony McSweeney, sent the club's best wishes to Mr Moore for the boy's rapid recovery

In George Moore's place, leading jockey Ron Quinton, currently recovering from a broken wrist, referred to George Moore as probably the greatest jockey he had ever ridden against.

Ron revealed his own two remaining ambitions as a jockey; to ride 2,000 winners — "I won't stop until I do and it's not too far away," he said — "and to win a Melbourne Cup."



### PHOTOS OF THE EVENING

1. L to R: Geoff Mahoney, AJC Racing Commentator, Jack Ingham AJC Committee Member, John Schreck Chief Stipendiary Steward, front, Ron Quinton.
2. Ann Colley and Margaret Bell standing, present

trophies to Mrs. Gloria Gage (left) and Mrs. Joy Smith, winners of the Phantom Call.

3. L to R: Mrs. Margaret Ensor, Mrs. Louise Paul, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Marie Sharamis, and Mrs. Reg Paul.

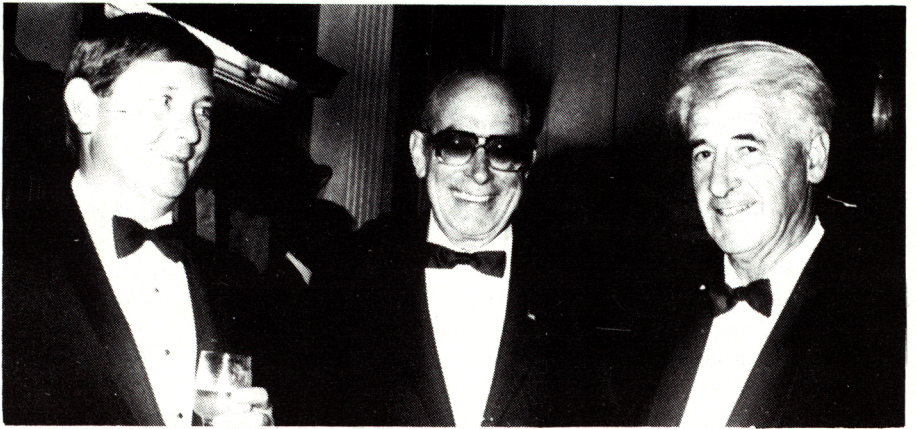




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#### PHOTOS OF THE EVENING

4. Angela Belle-Love and Claudio Bettosini.
5. Mr Laurie Taylor, Chairman of City Tattersall's Club and Mrs Dell Taylor.
6. Three (overseas) visitors, L to R: Mr Terry O'Connor from Perth, Mr John McGowan from San Francisco, Mr Frank Wilson of Evergreen Lodge Stud, New Zealand.
7. L to R: Mr Colin Campbell, Miss Helen Goddard, Mrs Kay Campbell and Mr Bruce Goddard.
8. The Minister for Sport, Mr. John Brown, at the Club Rostrum.
9. L to R: Richard Smith and his wife Ros Capel, with Brenton and Deborah Halligan, show off the magnificent table decorations for the Sydney Cup Dinner.



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# HANDBALL NOTES

## FURLONG WINS C GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP

Sixteen entries were received and matches have been in progress since 24th March. The results appear on our second and third floor notice boards.

John Furlong — a competitor in this — has, on behalf of the family company, sponsored the prizes for this event. Should he win maybe he will put on a Free Wine Tasting for the boys!

For the first time, a repechage has been introduced. First round losers will play off and the last two standing will go in against the first round winners. This gives every player at least two matches and the chance to go on to greater heights. And the four semi-finalists will be promoted to B Grade and compete in that event.

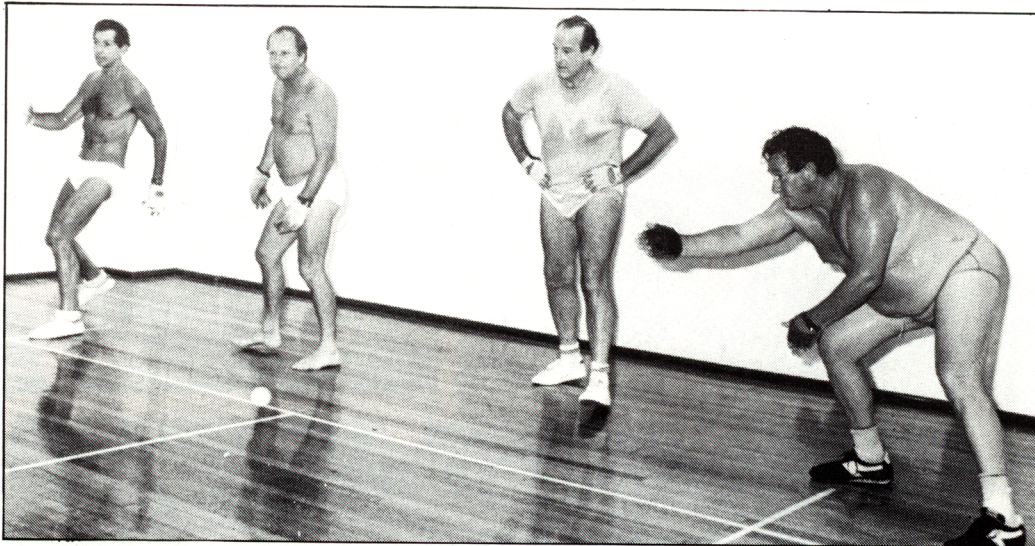
Handballers should note that Aerobic classes are conducted on the Handball Courts Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 a.m.,

thus effectively closing off the courts at these periods for perhaps an hour.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings appear to be the go anyway for the keen handballers so if you are looking for a hit, this could be remembered.

Then again, between 1 and 2 p.m. weekdays is always a good time to get some opposition. Ken Glass, who has been playing lunchtimes since Adam played fullback for South Sydney, will put you on the right track.

*Happy Handballing.*



*Working up an honest sweat on the handball court are, from left, David Castle, Bob Hill, John Barnes and Peter Barnes.*

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# New Members welcomed to Club

In February the club committee held a cocktail party to welcome recent new members to Tattersall's Club. The picture shows some new members and sponsors who were greeted by Chairman, Mr. Tony McSweeney.



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# EPICUREANS

Perhaps our most successful functions of 1985 were the theatre parties to "Cats" — four nights in all — and our Christmas function at the Opera House to see "The Real Thing".

Both the play and the following champagne supper in the Opera House Reception Hall were voted a great success.

Our 1986 entertainment year kicked off in February with the musical "Company", again at the Opera House. For the first time the taxi company involved did not perform. Our apologies to those few people who were a little late for the start of the show. Never again! We think we have solved our transport problems for all future functions we may select.

Theatre party outings with dinner at the club are undoubtedly popular with the Epicureans and are nearly always fully booked. Your committee is keeping watch for suitable plays we can attend.

The March outing was to see the film "Plenty". There was only a relatively small acceptance for this function. Do we get the message right? Epicureans are not keen on film evenings? Even very, very good films?

The great advantage of the Pitt Centre is the close location — only a short stroll from the club. Incidentally, on this occasion the dinner at the club was exceptionally good — our compliments to the chef.

We mentioned in the April newsletter that a good mixed variety of entertainments are planned for later in the year. Visits to Parliament House and the Art Gallery; the James Galway Concert; theatre parties at the Royal and the Opera House; dinner dances; special dinner evenings with guest speakers. Perhaps you have a suggestion you would like to place before the Epicurean Committee? Don't hesitate to contact the office.

Members of the Epicurean Committee were greatly saddened by the recent death of fellow committee member, Peter Ashby. In past years Peter was an active Epicurean. He reported to the club magazine on our functions, writing many enjoyable and humorous accounts of our outings. We will remember him with great affection.

Finally, why not put your name on the Epicureans mailing list. The cost is \$5.00 — a once only payment. All club members are, of course, very welcome to join any function which will be published in the monthly newsletter, however those on the mailing list receive prior notice and therefore have preference in bookings. This is important in those outings such as theatre parties where numbers have to be limited.

The principal aim of your Epicurean committee is to provide venues and entertainments where club members and their wives or lady friends can meet each other and participate in great fun outings.



*The decision taken at the end of 1985 to open the dining room to ladies at lunch time has proved a great success. Many members have brought ladies into the dining room as guests and a number of lunch parties have been held as a result of the change.*

*Our photo shows Wal and Mrs Beryl Sidaway with their son Kerry, centre, celebrating Wal's 65th birthday recently. Kerry 'shouted' the party and, of course, Wine Steward Jim Guttenberg is pouring the celebratory drop.*



# Tattersall's Club the City's Most Versatile Function Centre.

Most of us think of Tattersall's simply as a superb club in the city centre. It is also a leading function centre, situated right at the heart of the city and with three function rooms capable of catering for any event from four to 400 people.

In addition to the first floor club room, which can hold up to 400 people for meetings or cocktail parties and up to 300 for luncheons and dinners, there is a smaller function room on the second floor which can take meetings of up to 50 and 40 for dinners.

Finally, the club has the Sportsmen's Room, which is between the other rooms in size and can take meetings up to 100 people or dinner parties up to 60.

Tattersall's function rooms are widely used by organisations such as Rotary — Sydney Rotary holds its weekly luncheon meetings in the first floor club room — and for cocktail parties, wedding receptions and many private parties.

The club's Functions Co-ordinator, Anne Colley, can make all the arrangements for flowers, bands, photographers, sound or video recording systems as well as providing a series of top class menus at varying prices. Definitely the lady to see if you're planning an event — and you do want to put it on right in the city centre — but you don't want the sort of hotel bill that will make you think you've bought the place.



*Sydney Rotary holds its regular luncheon meetings in the Club Room on the first floor, and on this recent occasion, made its annual Vocational Service Award to Sir Noel Foley, CBE, in the presence of the Governor of New South Wales, Sir James Rowland.*



# Club member a Classic Entrepreneur

We hear a lot today about entrepreneurs in business. Men like Holmes 'a Court, Bond, Brierley, Spalvins. But there are many other Australians with a vision, perhaps not as grandiose as the aforementioned, who strive toward their goal with equal determination but without seeking recognition for their efforts.

Club member Graham Cole is one such entrepreneur. His dream, a little over four years ago, was to create a swimming event which would attract men and women of all ages to the beach he loves and at which he swims virtually every day of the year. Bondi.

Today, that swim — the Bondi Beach Cole Classic — has won its place as one of Australia's premier roughwater swims, attracting stillwater and surfing champions both local and international, endorsed by the Australia Day Council of New South Wales, approved as an official Bicentennial activity for 1988 and backed by an impressive list of sponsors.

The 1986 Cole Classic, the fourth Graham has held, took place on Australia Day, Sunday January 26. Just on 500 entries had been received for the two-kilometre event though early rain, cloudy conditions and a choppy sea caused about a hundred would be starters to think again.

Among the swimmers this year were a number of Tattersall's members. A quick glance down the computer placings revealed such names as John de Mestre (10th), Michael Gills (37th), Richard McKinnon (140th), Adrian Golding (191st), Graham himself (244th) and Chris Gunson (353rd). The winner, in a record 16 minutes, was Australian stillwater champion and 1985 winner David O'Brien, ahead of a strong field that included the likes of former Olympian Max Metzker (6th), State swimmers Stuart Feenstra (2nd) and Mark Scully (10th) and surf champion Darren Bogg (14th).

Besides noted swimmers, the line-up also included State Bank of NSW managing director Nick Whitlam (243rd), a senior Supreme Court judge, a swag of barristers, accountants, bankers, teachers, school children, grandfathers, policemen — people of all shapes and sizes.

Four years earlier, in 1983, Graham recalls having had a few anxious moments in the days leading up to the first race. With over a week to go, total entries numbered only 20. Not exactly promising, particularly as Graham had secured prizes and financial support from four corporate sponsors, retention of whom was looking decidedly sicker by the minute.

But the weather that Australia Day weekend came to the rescue and 93 swimmers hit the water, the first of whom, Max Metzker, emerged some 17 minutes later.



*Hundreds of competitors surge toward the water at the start of the 1985 Bondi Beach Cole Classic, the annual roughwater swim conceived and organised by Tattersall's Club member, Graham Cole.*

Those four original sponsors — Concrete Constructions, Ord Minnett, Taylor Wines and Datec Computers — are still backing Graham today and through their generosity, the swimmers are now able to compete for valuable prizes including trips to Honolulu and New Zealand and handsome trophies. The New Zealand trip was provided by Clyde Industries Limited, a fifth sponsor to back the swim this year.

When Graham first put the idea of the swim to the Waverley Municipal Council, there were some concerns expressed about safety requirements and the support of Tattersall's director Norm Rogers was sought.

A few days later, a bomb exploded outside Council Chambers and shortly afterwards, Graham received official permission to proceed. At the next meeting of the organising committee, Graham felt obliged to say "Thanks

Norm . . . but I didn't mean for you to come on so heavy!"

Of course, the bombing incident was entirely unrelated but its timing couldn't have been better.

Obtaining the requisite Council approvals is only one hurdle Graham has had to overcome every year. He is proud that his swim is one of only a handful of open water events which meets all of the stringent safety requirements set by the authorities.

It is also a remarkable testament to Graham's dedication to the task that he single-handedly organises every facet of

what has become a major annual event. Literally months of preparations go into the arrangements — organising entertainers to perform before the start, processing entries, ordering commemorative T-shirts, mustering the assistance of Bondi Surf Club members to patrol the course for any swimmers in difficulties, negotiating with the sponsors, publicising the event to the Sydney media, notifying all competitors of their places and times and officiating at the prize-giving. Not to mention completing the swim — a feat he achieved this year, aged 57, in the very creditable time of 30 minutes, ahead of some 150 other competitors.

And just for good measure, all proceeds (after deduction of expenses) from the sale of T-shirts and from the \$5 entry fee levied each swimmer nets a handy donation to the Surf Life-Saving Association.

The Bondi Beach Cole Classic is open to all men and women aged 13 to 65 years. The course comprises a 150



metre swim out to a buoy at the northern end of the beach, two laps of Bondi and the return leg to the beach. The distance is generally around two kilometres, sufficiently long to require some preliminary training and, as this scribe can attest, quite a little effort.

There is some consolation in the fact that every competitor who completes the course receives a certificate of achievement noting the time swum, overall position and placing within his or her age category.

So, four years and about 1,000 competitors later, Graham Cole has received a little of the recognition he richly deserves. The swim is now acknowledged as the prestige roughwater event on the Sydney summer calendar and was even filmed by BBC television this year.

In recognition of his services to the promotion of Australia Day through his event, Graham has been appointed a Member of the Australia Day Council for the State of New South Wales.

Tattersall's salutes you Graham and wishes you continued success. Perhaps a few more of our third floor splashers will don their goggles for the 1987 swim!

—Adrian Golding



David O'Brien (right), winner of both the 1985 and 1986 annual Bondi Beach Cole Classic swims, is congratulated by the event's organiser Tattersall's Club member, Graham Cole. In the background is Max Sandow, Chairman of the Australia Day Council (NSW) which has officially endorsed the swim as an Australia Day weekend event.

## Staying overnight in the city? Having difficulty putting a friend up?

### Get him a billet at Tattersall's

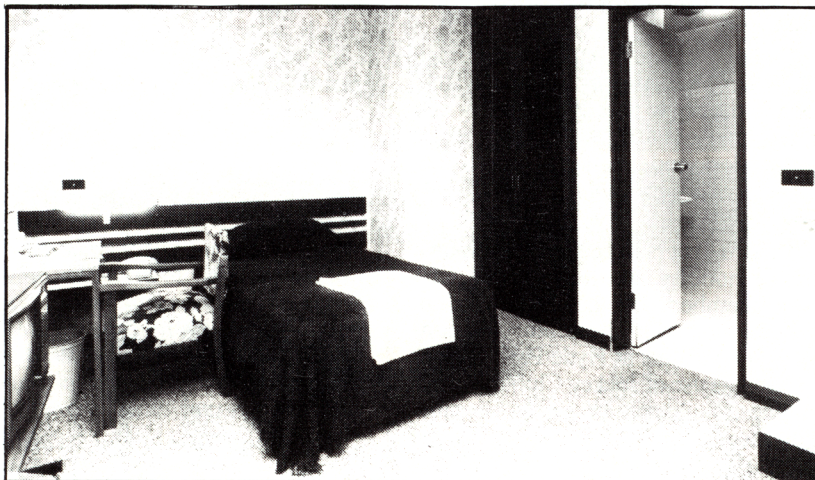
The place to put up for the night — or the whole working week — is at your club, right at the city centre.

Tattersall's Club has 18 single rooms available for the use of members or their guests. All have telephones and television. And of course access to the facilities of the club.

Rooms at Tattersall's Club are available to male guests from Monday to Friday:

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Enquire at the Club Office,  
Phone: 264 6111.





# Tattersall's Ski Club News

The seasons have turned and it's the time of year to start planning for skiing 1986.

The Ski Club's activities for the snow season kick-off with a fun buffet and get-together evening in the Sportsman's Room on Friday, 23rd May. This is a good opportunity to make or renew friendships and all existing or new members and their guests are invited to swap ski stories and whet their skiing appetites watching some really good ski movies.

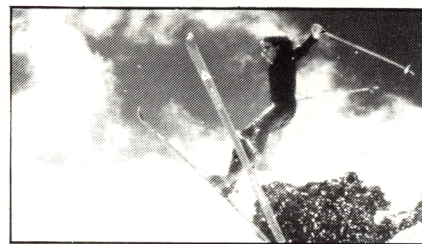
The "Wirruna" and "Roslyn" weeks in the snow will be the Club's main activities for 1986.

The famous "men's week" at "Wirruna" lodge, Perisher Valley, is planned for the week Saturday, 19th July, to Saturday, 26th July. Total cost per person for the week is expected to be \$320 (including 2 meals and drinks). This week never fails to provide sheer relaxation, great fellowship and wonderful exercise.

The family week at "Roslyn" Lodge, Thredbo, is scheduled for the week Saturday, 6th September, to Saturday

13th September. We have arranged this week later in the season than previously in an effort to provide better skiing conditions. "Roslyn" provides excellent accommodation with private facilities, games room, heated swimming pool and sauna. Accommodation, breakfast and dinner (6 nights, including wine, is expected to cost \$300.00 per person — exceptional value for this level of accommodation.

You may book now for the 3 events mentioned above by phoning Joanne on 264 6111.



## Sam Block Injured

All club members are probably aware that Sam Block, our Swimming "Czar", has had a second run-in with a motor vehicle.

The first time it happened, Sam was hit by a truck. This time it was a car. Anyway, it has kept Sam away from the poolside for a few weeks, although predictions were that he would be back on deck by the time this magazine appeared.

Sam is to be specially congratulated on getting his swimming report into the magazine before anyone else, in spite of being the one person with a valid excuse for delay.

So the situation seems to be that Sam's OK, but the car is probably a write-off! Don't play it again, Sam.

## Why 'Tattersall's'

All those club members who have bought the club history, "Tattersall's Club Sydney 1858-1983" by Joseph Anderson will already know why and how our club came to be called "Tattersall's".

For those of us who have not yet handed over our \$22 for a copy, the name goes back in history much further than Australia. In fact, it goes back to one Robert de Tateshal, a Sheriff of King John in 1199.

Almost 550 years later, in 1745, one of his descendants, whose family had been in the horse breeding, trading and racing business for generations, moved to London and in 1766 established himself as a horse auctioneer at Hyde Park Corner.

Richard Tattersall became well known for his honesty and had patrons who were members of the Jockey Club. Around the end of the century he converted two rooms at Hyde Park Corner for the sole use of Jockey Club members and these "subscription rooms" became the most important resort in the thoroughbred world.

In 1870 the first Rules of Betting were laid down by the Jockey Club in these

rooms, and at the same time in Sydney, the English Betting Rules were adopted and rooms were provided by Tattersall's Club for the use of the Australian Jockey Club.

Richard Tattersall, the country yeoman who went to London as a groom, eventually moved away from the betting and bookmaking business into simple buying and selling of horses, but is credited with bringing honour and integrity to racing, which was at his time a somewhat disreputable activity. His own reputation became such that repudiation of a wager made at Tattersall's in the late 18th and 19th Centuries meant instant social disgrace.

## CHICKEN FEED?

Ron Quinton only once had a really worthwhile offer to break his long professional relationship with Trainer, Neville Begg, he told the Sydney Cup dinner. It came in the mid 1970's from the well-known owner, Jack Ingham, who was present at the dinner.

Said Ron, "I told him, 'You've not got enough money to lure me away from Neville Begg'".

## SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

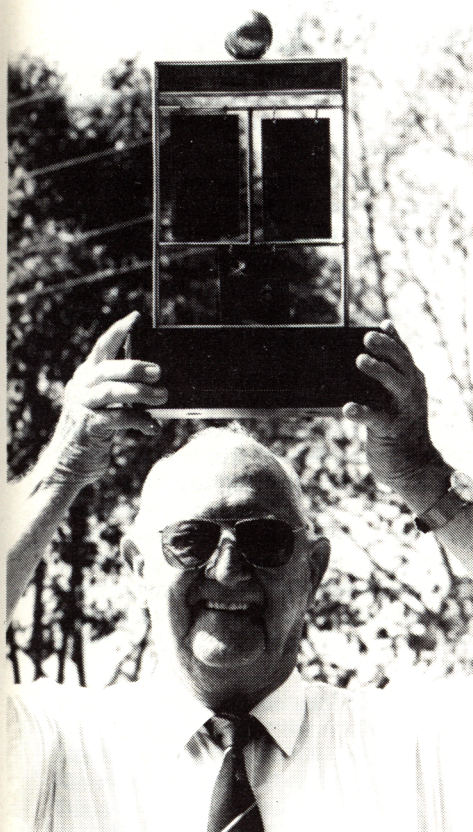


Evan James 'Jim' Williams is the current Tattersall's Sportsman of the Year, presented with the award last November for his services to Tattersall's Bowling Club.

Jim was nominated for the award by his fellow bowlers, who said his record on the green was matched only by his ability to help organise and strengthen any club with which he associated.

On the green, Jim has won the Tattersall's Pairs and Singles competitions and taken out over 30 club championship events during his bowling career.





*Top Left: Laurie Taylor, Chairman of City Tattersall's Club, holds aloft the Trophy which bears his name, and which was won this year by his club in the annual match with Tattersall's Club.*

*Lower Left: Celebrating after a match at Double Bay Club, Fred Page, left, with Ray White, John Curran and Laurie Taylor of the City Tatts Bowling Team and on the right, Geoff Eastment, Past Chairman of Tattersall's Club.*



*Right: The bowling teams from City Tattersall's (top) and Tattersall's (below) pose for pictures before setting down to business in their annual match for the Laurie Taylor Trophy.*

## BEATEN BY CITY TATTS!

The big events of the past few months for the bowling club has been our annual match against City Tattersall's Club, played at Kensington Bowling Club in March for the Laurie Taylor Trophy.

Regrettably the club was beaten by 12 matches to 7 with the points score 229 to 219.

As this issue of the magazine goes to print, the club's bowlers are taking part in the Tattersall's Clubs Interstate Bowling Carnival in Perth.

Unfortunately, the team is not at full strength for this event due to altered dates and the City Masters Tournament, which has resulted in some of our top players being unable to travel to Perth.

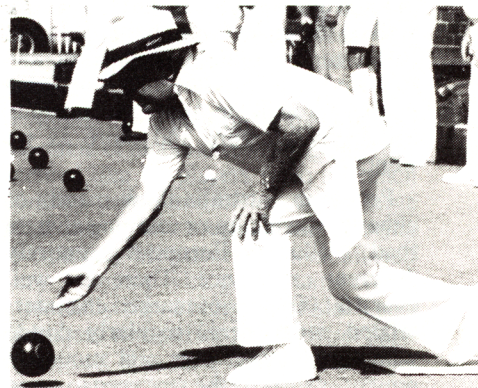
### TATTERSALL'S BOWLS PROGRAMME TO JUNE 30, 1986

Thursday, 15th May: Matches — Social games Double Bay; Thurs, 22nd May: Matches — Social games Double Bay; Thurs, 29th May: Matches — Social games Double Bay; Thurs, 5th June: Matches — Social games City; Thurs, 12th June: Matches — Social games Double Bay; Thurs, 19th June: Matches — Social games Double Bay; Thurs, 26th June: Matches — Social games Double Bay.

Book any Thursday before 12 noon for a game on 264 6111.



*Arthur Cook, left, seems to be listening to an explanation from Dick Jones of why the ball swung away "like that".*



*Victor Vadas shows stern concentration in the match against City Tattersall's Club at Kensington.*





# Step by step with Bill and Nedra Orme

Seven years ago, after frequent business rushes around the world, and less rushed but still hurried campervan trips through Europe with our four children, a friend suggested that we should start walking. She gave us a copy of Hilaire Belloc's "Path to Rome", and that set us off on the track.

We had never been in snow before, and had not camped since scouting days. But in blissful ignorance, a few months later we set off in Belloc's footsteps and walked from Thunn near Interlaken, round the Jungfrau, and over the Alps to Italy.

We thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and our children joined us on walks through Cradle Mountain, along the Nepal-Tibet border, and across the Sinai High Range. By ourselves, we walked the paths through the Bavarian forest to the middle of Austria and followed R. L. Stevenson and his donkey through the Auvergne, learning and enjoying more and more as we went.

People in Australia think mainly of either bushwalking or trudging along a road. Walking in Europe is an entirely different experience. There are well over 100,000 kms of marked and inter-related paths there, regularly dotted with farmhouses, inns and mountain refuges, with only the rare need to camp out, and then only in remote regions.

The paths are selected to show a cultural and geographic cross section of the area through which they pass, and wherever possible follow ancient Roman, pilgrim or other historic routes. Many are remote and, on occasions, days and weeks can pass without you seeing another soul on the path. Of course rarely are you far from the hospitality, food and wine for which Europe is so justly proud.

In 1984, our last child about to leave home (with just a little encouragement), we decided to follow a whole season across Europe. Ten months, 3300 kms and three-and-a-half pair of boots each later, we ceased walking as the snow, wet and cold heralded the arrival of winter. Since February, when we started amongst the budding grape vines in Crete, we had followed spring across France, sweated out the summer along the Pilgrim route from Canterbury, up Offa's Dyke in Wales, then through the Pennines and up the West Highlands of Scotland. Next was to walk from the Irish Sea, across England through the Lakes and Yorkshire to the North Sea. Next we plodded from the Zugspitze



Bill Orme

near Munich, through the high passes of Austria and Switzerland, the Vosges, and into the autumn and grape harvest of the Bourgogne and Beaujolais. Finally, into the mountains of Corsica, and to finish the year, along the Loire.

In 1985 we were going to walk the Pilgrim Route from Paris to Campostella in July and August, but at the last moment changed our minds. We hope to be fit enough to be able to walk it in ten or fifteen years time, but we hadn't many years to walk "La Grande Traverse des Alpes" before age got us. So a few days later we started out from Thann where we had left the Vosges the previous year, and after toughening up down the Jura to Lausanne, we crossed 32 passes before staggering in to the sea at Nice.

In all our walks we have struck nothing but courtesy and kindness. Never once have we had a nasty experience. While I would like to tell you of many of the great experiences, I will concentrate on the last walk.

The walk took us through the Jura and then the length of the Alps from Lake Geneva to Nice, a distance of almost a thousand kilometres. This kind of walking, which takes you through small villages and towns, offers an opportunity to talk to local people in bars and restaurants on a different basis from that available to the tourist adopting the more conventional ways of getting around.

The fact that you have put a pack on your back and are prepared to put time and energy into seeing the countryside and meeting the people establishes you as a genuine 'traveller', not a 'tourist', and opens up possibilities of communication that are quite special.

Perhaps the most interesting opportunities came in the evenings in 'refuges' in the mountains, or in small hotels where we had the chance to talk

to the many French couples of all ages who were "on the track" for their annual vacation.

A notion of what is entailed can best be introduced by my admission of what we look for at the end of a day's hard physical activity. We can rough it with the best of them provided we come in to four basics — hot water, clean sheets, good food and good wine.

Anyone who thinks this is sybaritic has just not tested the difference between ending a hard 25 km walking day with a reconstituted freeze-dried meal and a night in a sleeping bag, with a hot shower in a little French inn, a glass of good burgundy, a well-cooked meal and a collapse into a clean, comfortable bed. The following day's enjoyment is greatly heightened by the physical well-being that results from being kind to one's body.

Even on a long-distance walk through a region as rough, remote and wild as the mountains we walked in, most evenings can be spent in villages which offer not only the comforts of a small hotel offering the four basics, but people contacts of the most hospitable and entertaining kind. This is in such contrast to Australia where, with distances being so great between towns, the possibility of this kind of comfort is rare.

We had walked to the tiny mountain village of Roya, in the Mercantour National Park, high in the Alps. We were delighted to have our night's stay there coincide with "la fete parossiale", the annual parish celebrations. The church square was decked with pine trees and flags and all was bustle as a stage was set up for the specially imported rock band which was to play for the ball that evening.



Bill, Pass above Stuttgart, Austrian mountains



We booked in to the local "gite", the French basic accommodation set up for walkers. This gave us at least a bed and a shower. We were right for food but had not carried any wine with us and the village was too small to boast any kind of a shop. The elderly lady who was "guardian" of the hostel sent a young girl down to the people preparing for the ball to see if they could help and she returned with a litre bottle of wine which we were asked to pay for the next day since no one yet knew the price.

We sat overlooking the activities and quaffed the red while talking to a most interesting young French couple who were also attempting "La Grande Traversee des Alpes". They were young teachers and hostile, not only to nuclear testing which was a very current topic of discussion, but the entire programme of nuclear technology which France is engaged in.

When the church clock struck ten p.m. we joined the villagers for the first few dances to the rock band but the day's walking took its toll so we retired to sleep to the reverberating sounds of the music. The band was to sleep downstairs in the "gite" and we were well aware of this as they retired noisily at around 2 a.m.

In the morning we attempted to pay for our wine but none of the villagers were in evidence. Finally we found the mayor whose response was to present us with lapel badges to celebrate the village celebrations and to insist that the wine was free, with the compliments and best wishes of the village. They were honoured by the presence of two Australians: we were delighted to have shared the experience.

Another remarkable evening was at a 'refuge' in the mountains called "La Vacherie", French for "the Cowshed", and when we reached it we found out why it was so named. A large stone farm building had had several rooms converted into bunk rooms for walkers going through and though well built and most comfortable, the smell of the cow manure was omnipresent. The peasant couple who ran both the farm and the refuge were like something out of an Emile Zola novel with their stocky physiques and their simple ways but Maman produced an excellent evening meal and a litre bottle of good red wine which we consumed in the company of a group of young adults who were angry at the implications of the "Rainbow Warrior" incident which had just occurred. We were about as remote from civilisation as could be — no roads, no electricity, and the water from a spring — but the conversation that night was

animated and stimulating.

But long-distance walking in Europe has other, far more luxurious potential. For example, we were walking through the Gorge du Doubs in the Jura mountains on Bastille Day and, although we were fascinated by the high pine-wooded slopes cut by the river basin, the day was really hot and we suffered in the sun.

Fortunately we passed through a number of villages where we were able to rest in local bars where we started by downing carafe after carafe of cold water followed by a shot of caffeine from the potent brew that is called coffee in those parts. The farm buildings in the villages are colossal, having been added to bit by bit over many years, in some cases centuries. Most of them were very colourful with pots and hanging baskets of geraniums.

At one point we came around the corner of a farmhouse where half a dozen members of a family were chatting away, busy plucking fowls, which were each suspended by a rope and hook in front of a blood-spattered wall. We spent a fascinating half hour talking to them about their life on the farm. They, in turn were intrigued by what we were doing and found it hard to believe that anyone could come from as far as Australia to spend their time back-packing through remote areas of France.

We were ready to agree with them when we reached Goumois, a resort at a truly beautiful bend in the Doubs River. We were tired out after a sweaty day and for once found difficulty getting accommodation on this French national holiday. We rang to ask about a bed at a three star hotel, the 'Taillard', which also boasted a one star Michelin restaurant. It was just outside the town and fully booked but Madame who answered, when she knew our plight, asked us to come up and pitch our tent in the corner of the garden. We climbed up to find a luxurious hotel set in

wonderful gardens and were quite prepared to find that we had misinterpreted her invitation. No hotel of similar quality in Australia would consider allowing a pair of campers into the corner of their grounds.

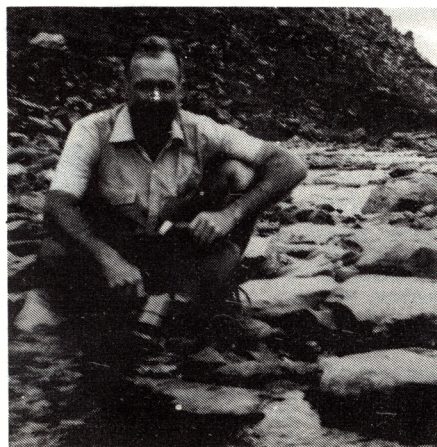
Madame, aged 80 at least, welcomed us and repeated her invitation for us to mount our tent in her front garden. She pointed out that a storm was brewing and offered us a tiny attic room with a single bed if we would like to shelter there. We took it enthusiastically and were really warmed by her kindness. It did storm during the night and we listened to the wild downpour with all the pleasure that comes from being inside, warm and dry, knowing what one has escaped.

Dinner was a marvellous experience. We decided to thrash out since we were in a restaurant of renown and the food was superb. We worked our way through eight courses and enjoyed a great Mercurey red wine which accompanied the feast.

Adding to the pleasure of the food was the circle of diners surrounding us. They seemed like bit players from a French comedy movie and included one large Madame with mechanically-moving jaws, a sexy Monsieur who took himself very seriously with gold chains on his artistically bared hairy chest and a cast of waiters who performed their set parts with great elan. The fun of the evening was a great, big, extra on top of the pleasures of walking through such beautiful countryside.

While there was undoubted relief mixed with the thrill of reaching Nice, there was also the regret that such a marvellous experience had come to an end.

This year in July we are off to walk north from Oslo into the Arctic Circle and training is about to commence. With regular visits to the third floor during the week, we will be ready.



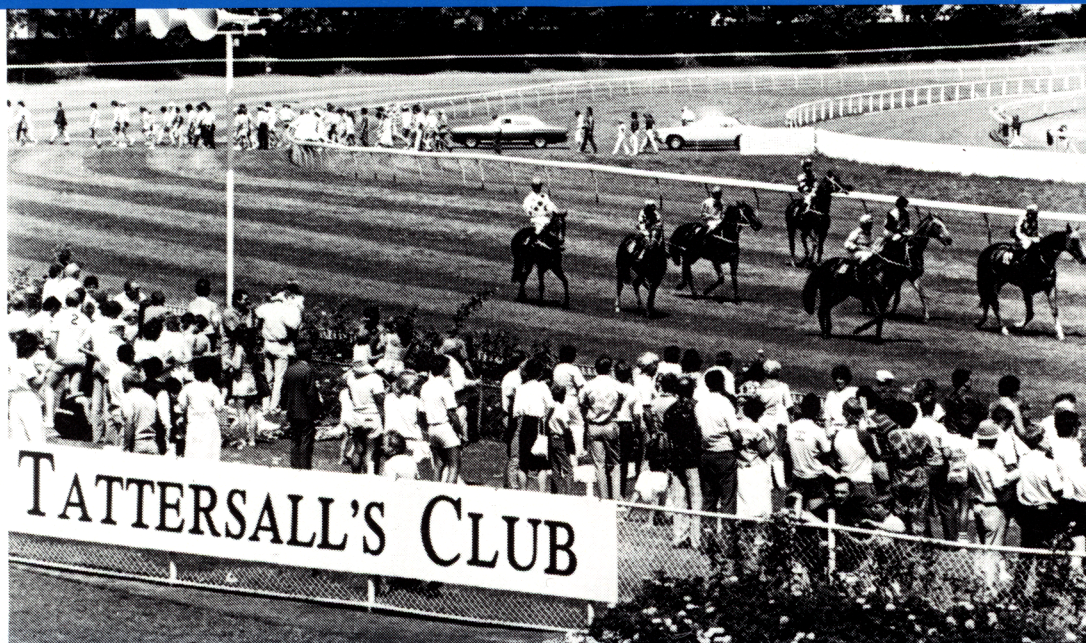
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